

Lovely Strange Dark

UMI NO MUKOU TSUKI NO URAGAWA
"ACROSS THE OCEAN, TO THE FAR SIDE OF THE MOON"

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このクオリティ。
これぞ四千貫。
気が抜きす354!!

Saito
Makoto,
high school
senior

監修
尾望都氏

アカデミー賞
2015年・秋のコンテスト
大賞作品
**Shimokawa
Saki**

Umi no Mukou Tsuki no Uragawa

"Across the Ocean, to the Far Side of the Moon"

The story begins in a
country town by the ocean





YOU NEVER TRY TO COVER IT UP, DO YOU?

I call him Yami-chan

THEY SENT YOU UP AGAIN!

Sayama
Yumihiko
also a senior.

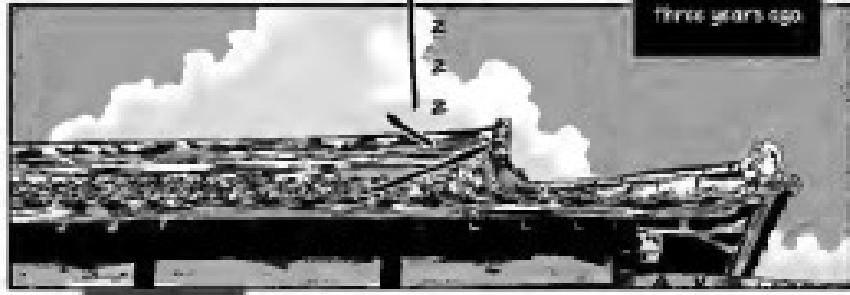
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?



I'LL PUNCH YOU UP. I CAN'T LET YOU GO HOME LOOKING LIKE THAT.

COME OVER TO MY PLACE

He's
my one
and only
friend.



Yumi-chon's family had its own share of unfair funistic circumstances three years ago.

First his sister Yoko, who was only a year older than him, hanged herself inside their house.



And
because
of where
he hit
his head.

He can
barely
move

BACK AND
FORTH BETWEEN
HERE AND HIS
DREAMS.

SAME
DAD.
SAME
DAD.

His mom
died shortly
after giving
birth to him.

HOW HE'S
DOING

YOUR
DAD.

and now
Yumi-chan is
all alone with
his dad.

HOW MUCH
LONGER I
CAN TAKE IT.

I

DON'T
KNOW

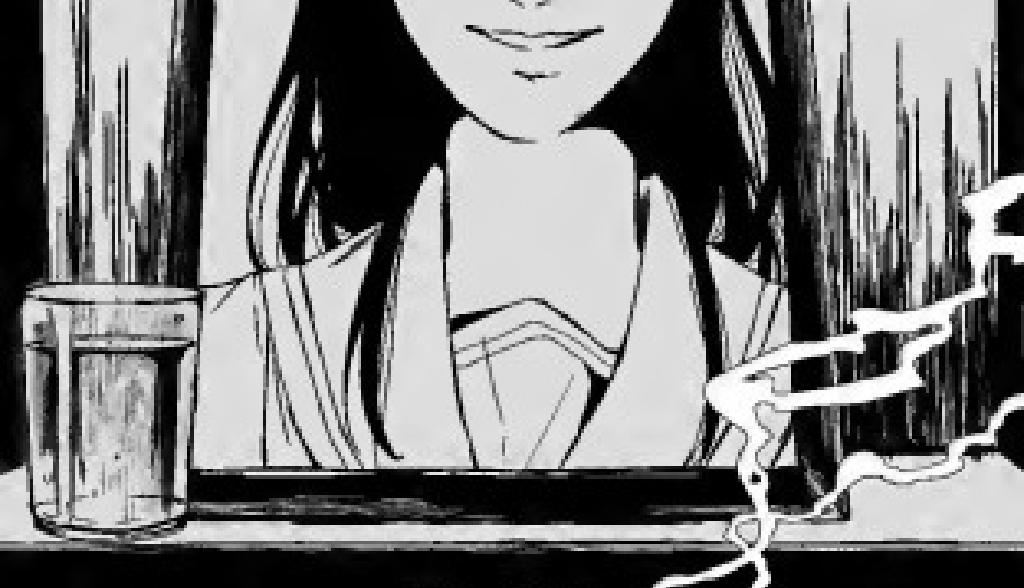
ALL HE DOES
IS COMPLAIN
WHEN HE'S
AWAKE.

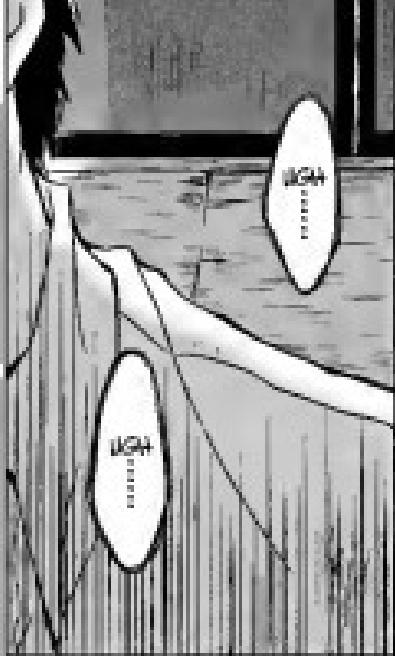
I WOULDN'T
MIND IF HE
WENT THERE
AND NEVER
CAME BACK.

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STOP IT!

LOOK,
MAKOTO-CHAN.
IT'S A JELLY-
FISH.



STOP IT!

AHAAA
HAHAHA!

THEN
DON'T
SWING
IT OVER
HERE!

WOBBLE

WOULDN'T
WANT TO GET
STUNG BY
ONE OF
THESE.











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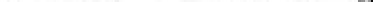


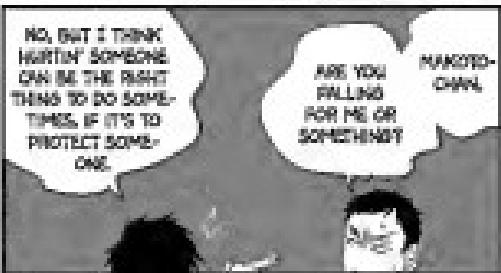
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LITTLE MISS
DELINQUENT.

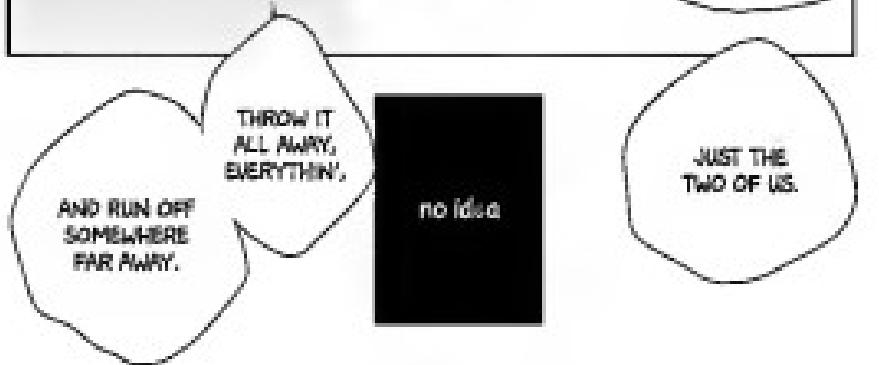














all the
things

that
Yumi-chan
was carry-
ing inside
of him



and
all the
light.



I had
no idea.

But I
never wanted
these beautiful
seasons with
Yumi-chan
to end.

MARUO-CHAN
MUST HAVE LEFT
IT ONE DAY WHEN
HE WENT HOME.

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So I never
wanted to
know.

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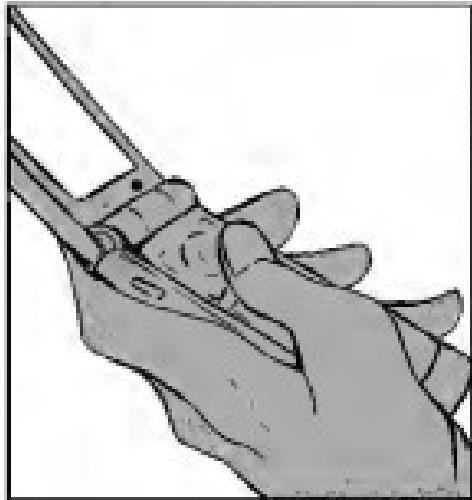
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THE MOON'S
BEAUTIFUL.

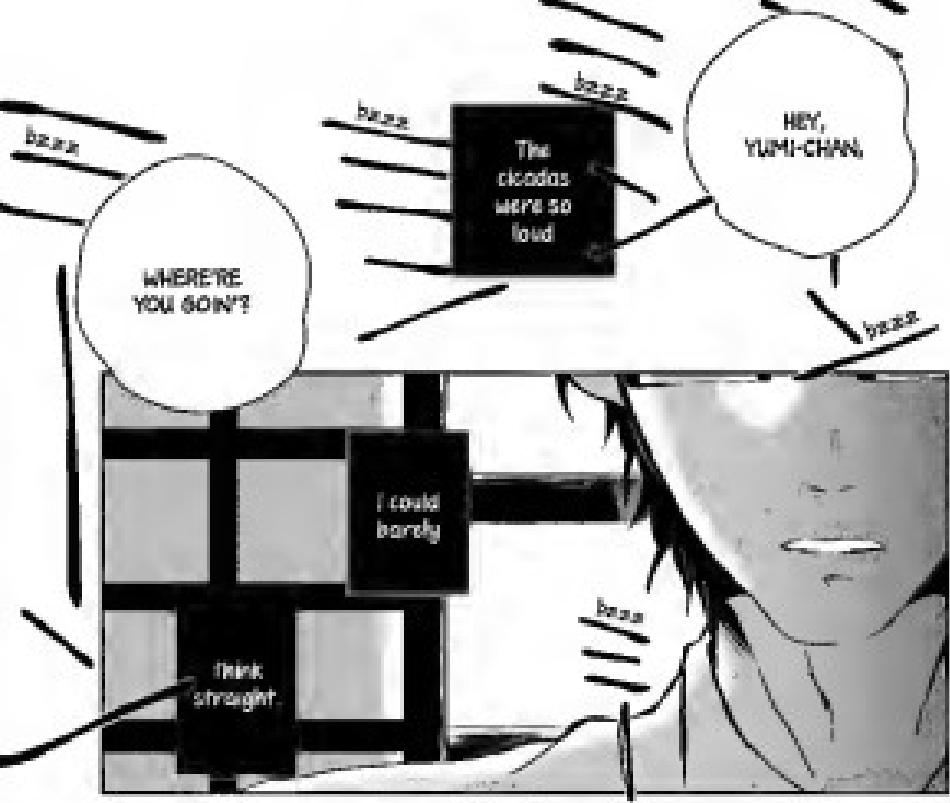


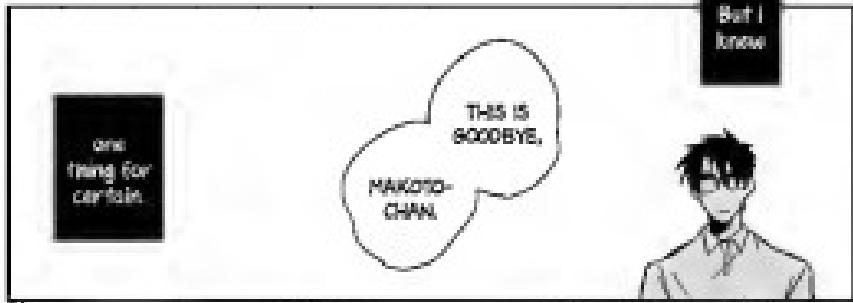


WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?











LIKE I CARE
WHAT IS AND
ISN'T COOL.

YOU
KNOW,

TRYIN' TO RUN
OFF AINT COOL
NOWDAY'S.



CANT.

YUMI-
CHAN

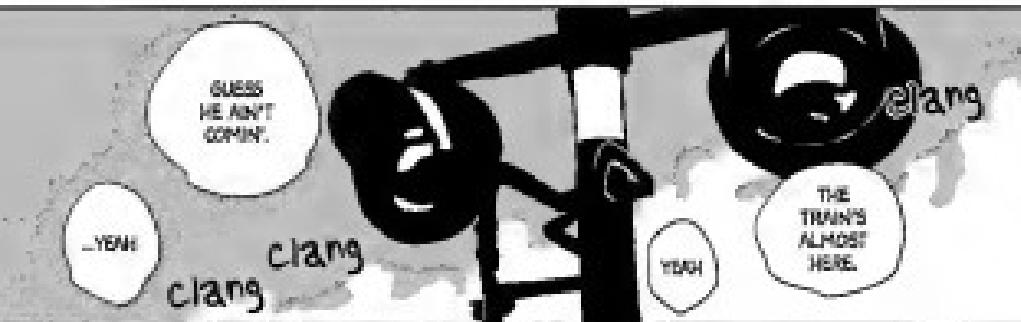
THINK
THIS OVER
AGAIN.

I CANT
GO BACK
THERE.





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TELL HIM THAT.

"I'LL BE
WAITING FOR
YOU, NO MATTER
WHAT."

"DON'T
TAKE TOO
LONG."

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YUMI-
CHAN!





IT
DON'T
MATTER
WHERE!

ACROSS
THE
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TO
THE FAR
SIDE
OF THE
MOON!

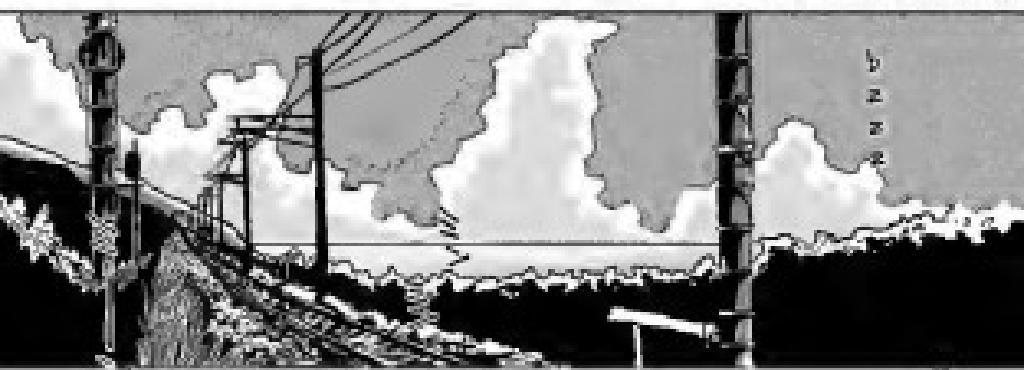
I'LL
COME!

I'LL
COME
FOR
YOU!

I'LL
MAKE
YOU
HAPPY!

IT DON'T
MATTER
WHERE!
JUST RUN!





There was
no happy end
waiting for
Yumi-chan.



I was a little relieved

Yumi-chan
couldn't
finish it.

The neighbors
found him
bleeding from
his head, beg-
ging for help.

They took
his dad in
later that
day.

He was
still a
minor, so
his name
was never
publicized.

The media
flooded our
sleepy little
town.

The police
caught
Yumi-chan
in Tokyo.

I told them I
didn't know
anything

They took
me in for
questioning
as a person
of interest



The
end

That
was it.







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Talk about bad luck.





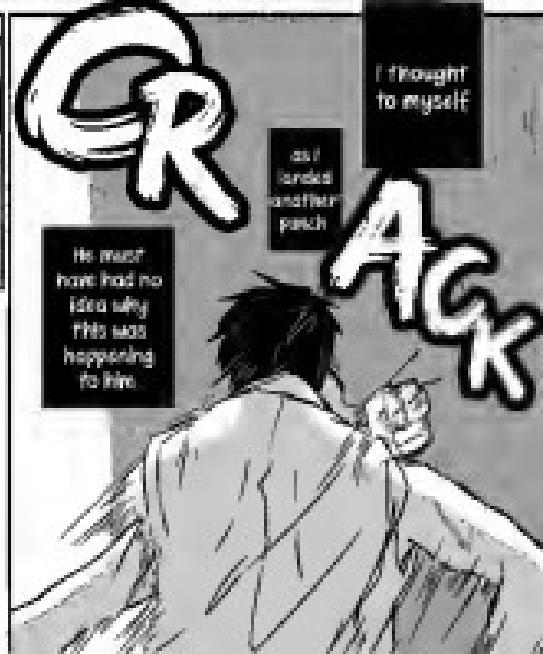




You have
terrible
taste
in men.



But
what do
I care?



You see,
I never lied
to you.
Yumi-chan.

I should have
told you
sooner.



Especially
when they
say it's in
the name of
justice or a
greater cause.



I still hate
violence.

This is the
only time,
I swear.

But just
forgive
me this
one time.



Guess what.
I even
broke my
glasses.

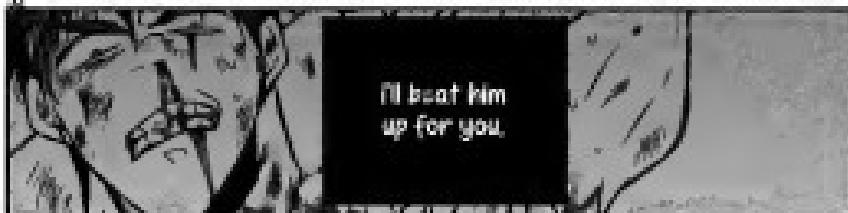
It's makin' me
hate everything.
How much of
a goddamn
hypocrite I am.

I'm
bein' a
hypocrite.

I know.
I know.



YOU
NEVER
GAVE
A SHIT
ABOUT
YUMI-
CHAN!



and then...
I'll run.

Salt in
shins
and
covered
in blood.

I don't think
you could
find anyone
more
suspicious
than me.

BREAKING NEWS:
"MISSOURI SMALL
TOWN FATHER
BRUTALLY
ASSASSINATED."
A DREARY
HEADLINE



Won't take
long for the
police to
catch me.

THE MEDIA
BETTER NOT
MISS THIS ONE,
FOR GOD'S SAKE.



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Across
the
ocean,

ALL I WANT
IS FOR THEM
TO SHOUT MY
NAME OUT.

But I'll
run.

to the
far side
of the
moon.



**LOUD ENOUGH
FOR YUMI-CHAN
TO HEAR!**

Someday,
somewhere,
their paths will
cross again.

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